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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room 8B201
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Telephone Number Portability
CC Docket No. 95-166
Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing this letter to report that, on behalf of Midcontinent Communications, I met yesterday with Cheryl Callahan, Assistant Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division ("TAPD") of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Scott Mackoul, Pam Slipakoff, Sanford Williams of the TAPD staff. During the meeting, we discussed the application of the Commission's number portability rules when the local calling area of the porting out carrier might differ from the local calling area of the porting in carrier or a subsequent carrier for the affected customer. As part of the discussion, I provided the attached handout.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, the original and one copy of this letter are being submitted to your office on this date, and copies of this letter are being sent to the Commission participants.

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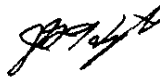
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Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this letter.

Sincerely,



J.G. Harrington

Counsel to Midcontinent Communications

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Attachment

cc (w/o attach.): Cheryl Callahan
Scott Mackoul
Pam Slipakoff
Sanford Williams

**PARTIAL CHRONOLOGY OF
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS NUMBER PORTABILITY REQUESTS
TO HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY AND POLAR COMMUNICATIONS**

Date	Event
December 3, 2002	Midcontinent requests number portability from both companies.
January 3, 2003	Polar and Halstad respond, indicating that they do not intend to provide number portability because of concerns about customer confusion.
January 31, 2003	Midcontinent responds to Polar and Halstad, reiterating its request for portability and indicating that portability is required under FCC rules.
February 18, 2003	Polar responds to January 31 letter, indicating that portability will not be provided, in part, because local calling areas will be different.
February 20, 2003	Halstad responds to January 31 letter, indicating that it believes that Qwest must request portability before Halstad is required to provide it.
March-May, 2003	Discussions with Polar and Halstad concerning nature of their objections to the portability requests.
June 16, 2003	Letter from Midcontinent counsel to Polar and Halstad, responding to concerns raised in earlier correspondence and conference calls.
June 30, 2003	Responses to June 16 letter from both Polar and Halstad, indicating that "operational issues" can be resolved only through an interconnection agreement.
August 18, 2003	Response to Polar and Halstad letters from Midcontinent counsel, indicating Midcontinent's willingness to negotiate interconnection agreements, but also indicating that negotiation is not a basis for delay in providing portability. Proposed interconnection agreement enclosed.
September-November, 2003	Interconnection negotiations.
December 19, 2003	Letter from Midcontinent counsel to Polar and Halstad, indicating Midcontinent's continued willingness to negotiate an interconnection agreement, but reiterating that the porting obligation is not contingent on resolution of non-technical issues.
January, 2004	Responses from Polar and Halstad indicating that they will not provide number portability until calling scope issues are resolved in a manner satisfactory to them and that they do not agree that they are required to provide porting at this time.